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Amendment

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 1 of the specification, please replace the section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION with the following:

This patent application incorporates by reference in its entirety the subject matter of a co-pending U.S. Patent Application, entitled ASSIGNING ADDRESSES TO PACKET-NETWORK DEVICES AND BOOTING MULTI-CHANNEL DEVICES, Application No. 10/055,529, filed January 22, 2002.